

STATE OF TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND INSURANCE

Consumer Insurance Services 500 James Robertson Parkway, 4TH Floor Nashville, Tennessee 37243-0574 Telephone: 615-741-2218 * Fax: 615-532-7389

Dear Consumer:

Every insurance company licensed to sell individual health insurance policies in Tennessee must offer at least two (2) guaranteed issue plans to anyone who is eligible for guaranteed issue health insurance. An eligible individual is a person that is coming off a group plan, i.e. employer provided group health insurance and COBRA, with a pre-existing condition who has had at least 18 months of creditable coverage with no more than 63 days break in coverage. You should expect to receive the letter of creditable coverage from your employer or existing group [plan within 30 days of becoming separated from the group that documents continuous coverage for the past 18 months. This letter of creditable coverage will be required by the company that issues the guaranteed issue policy. If you do not receive the letter of creditable coverage, you should contact the U. S. Department of Labor toll free at 1-866-444-3272.

Should you decide to contact one or all of the companies on the accompanied list to inquire about purchasing a guaranteed issued policy, please be sure to ask the company for a "guaranteed issue policy". This is important to reduce the likelihood of the company disqualifying you for coverage based on your pre-existing condition. Please keep in mind that the premium will be higher for a guaranteed issue policy because the risk is greater, due to the pre-existing condition.

The Department of Commerce and Insurance, Consumer Insurance Services is not permitted to recommend, endorse or suggest that you purchase insurance from one of the companies on the enclosed list. The list is provided as a courtesy to you in an effort to provide you with the best possible service and the known availability of individual health insurance carriers in the State of Tennessee.

Sincerely,

Vickie Trice
Director
Consumer Insurance Services

Medigap (Medicare Supplement) Policy Basics

What Is A Medigap Policy?

A Medigap policy is a health insurance policy sold by private insurance companies to fill the "gaps" in the Original Medicare Plan. Medigap policies help you pay some of the health care costs that the Original Medicare Plan doesn't cover. If you are in the Original Medicare Plan and have a Medigap policy, then Medicare will pay its share and your Medigap policy will pay its share of your health care costs.

Currently, there are ten standardized Medigap plans called "A" through "J." Medigap policies must follow Federal and State laws. These laws protect you. The front of a Medigap policy must clearly identify it as "Medicare Supplement Insurance." Each plan, A through J, has a different set of benefits. Plan A covers only the basic (core) benefits. These basic benefits are included in all the Medicare plans (A through J). Medigap Plans B through J offers extra benefits. Plan J offers the broadest form of benefits.

Insurance companies can only sell you one of the ten standardized Medigap policies. Medigap policies are standardized so you can compare them easily. Two of the standardized Medigap policies may have a high deductible option. In addition, any standardized Medigap policy may be sold as a **Medicare SELECT** policy. No matter where you live (except for Massachusetts, Minnesota, and Wisconsin) Medigap policies must offer the same benefits within Medigap plans (A through J).

It's important to compare Medigap policies because costs can vary. Remember, the standardized Medigap policies that insurance companies offer must provide the same benefits. The only difference between Medigap policies sold by different insurance companies might be the cost. Also, insurance companies that sell Medigap policies don't have to offer each Medigap plan (A through J). Each insurance company decides which Medigap policies they want to sell. Make sure the insurance company offers the Medigap policy that you want.

Generally, when you buy a Medigap policy you must have Medicare Part A and Part B. You will have to pay the monthly Medicare Part B premium of \$78.20 in 2005 to Medicare. In addition, you will have to pay a premium to the Medigap insurance company. As long as you pay your premium, your Medigap policy is *guaranteed renewable*. This means it is automatically renewed each year. Your coverage will continue year after year as long as you pay your premium.

You and your spouse must buy separate Medigap policies. Your Medigap policy won't cover any health care costs for your spouse.

For additional information on Medigap policies, including why you would want to buy a Medigap policy and information about what Medigap policies cover, please read the enclosed publication from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) titled, "Choosing a Medigap Policy: A guide to Health Insurance for People with Medicare", or call CMS at 1-877-267-2323.



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INSURANCE DIVISION – CONSUMER INSURANCE SERVICE

500 James Robertson Parkway, Fourth Floor Nashville, TN 37243 (615) 741-2218 or (800) 342-4029

MEDICARE SUPPLEMENT INSURANCE COMPANIES

COMPANY NAME

ADMIRAL LIFE INS. CO. OF AMERICA 2999 N. 44th Street,Suite 250 Phoenix, AZ 85010

517-349-6000 unknown

AMERICAN CONTINENTAL INS. CO.

101 Continental Place Brentwood, TN 37027 (615) 377-1300

AMERICAN NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO OF TX

One Moody Plaza Galveston, TX 77550 (800) 899-6806 www.anico.com

AMERICAN PIONEER LIFE INSURANCE CO.

P. O. Box 3509 Orlando, FL 32802 (800) 538-1053 www.amerpion.com

AMERICAN REPUBLIC INSURANCE COMPANY

P. O. Box 1 Des Moines, IA 50334 (800) 247-2190 www.americanrepublic.com

BANKERS FIDELITY LIFE INS CO.

P. O. Box 190240 Atlanta, GA 31119-0240 (404) 266-5500 www.bflic.com

PLANS OFFERED

A, B, C, D, E, F, G no pre-exist, attained age

A, B, C, D, E, F, G

6 mo. Pre-exist, attained age

A, B, C, D, E, F, G

No pre-exist, attained age Association group, smoker rates Plan A to under age 65

A, B, C, D, F

3 mo. pre-exist, attained age Male/female, smoker rates Also offer medicare select

A, D, E, F, HDF, J, K, L

6 mo. pre-exist, attained age

A, B, C, F

No pre-exist, issue age

PLANS OFFERED

BANKERS LIFE & CASUALTY CO.

222 Merchandise Mart Chicago, IL 60654-2013 (800) 231-9150 www.bankerslife.com A, B, C, D, E, F, HDF, G, H, I, J, K, L 6 mo. pre-exist, attained age

BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD OF TENNESSEE

801 Pine Street Chattanooga, TN 37402-2555 (866) 210-1522 www.bcbst.com A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L 6 mo. pre-exist, attained age

CENTRAL BENEFITS NAT'L LIFE INS. CO.

P. O. Box 16526 Columbus, OH 43216 (888) 633-7871 www.medsupp1.com A, B, C, F 6 mo. pre-exist, attained age 2 year age bands

CENTRAL RESERVE LIFE INS. CO.

6201 Johnson Dr. PO Box 29190 Shawnee Mission, KS 66201-9190 (800) 945-8554 www.centralreserve.com A, C, D, F, G, HDF 6 mo. Pre-exist, attained age

COMBINED INSURANCE CO. OF AMERICA

123 N. Wacker Dr. Chicago, IL 60606 (800) 490-1322 www.combined.com A, C, F No pre-exist, issue age Agent Sales

CONSECO INSURANCE COMPANY

11815 North Pennsylvania Street Carmel, IN 46032 (800) 541-2254 www.conseco.com A, D, F, G no pre-exist, issue age

CONSTITUTION LIFE INS. CO.

P.O. Box 130 Pensacola, FL 32591-0130 (800) 882-1054 www.constitutionlife.com A, B, C, D, E, F, HDF, G 3 mo. pre-exist, attained age

CONTINENTAL GENERAL INSURANCE CO.

P.O. Box 247007 Omaha, NE 68124-7007 (800) 284-2898 www.continentalgeneral.com A, C, F, HDF, G, H, I, J No pre-exist, attained age

PLANS OFFERED

CONTINENTAL LIFE INS. CO. OF BRENTWOOD

101 Continental Place Brentwood, TN 37027 (615) 377-1300 www.cont-life.com A, B, C, D, E, F, G 3 mo. pre-exist, issue age

EQUITABLE LIFE & CASUALTY COMPANY

3 Triad Ctr., Suite 200, P.O. Box 2460 Salt Lake City, UT 84110 (888) 352-5120 www.equilife.com A, B, C, D, E, F, HDF, G, H, HDH, I, J - no pre-extisting attained age

GENWORTH LIFE INS. COMPANY

6610 W. Broad Street Richmond, VA 23230 (888) 436-9678 www.genworth.com A, B, C, D, E, F, G, HDF no pre-exist, attained age

GLOBE LIFE & ACCIDENT INS. CO.

Globe Life Center Oklahoma City, OK 73184 (800) 654-5433 A, B, C, F 2 mo. pre-exist, attained age Direct response or group only

GOLDEN RULE INSURANCE COMPANY

7440 Woodland Drive Indianapolis, IN 46278-1719 (317) 297-4123 A, C, F, G 6 mo. pre-exist, attained age

GREAT AMERICAN LIFE INS. COMPANY

P.O. Box 559002 Austin, TX 78755-9002 (800) 880-2745

A, B, D, D, F, G

6 mo. pre-exist, attained age

GUARANTEE TRUST LIFE INS. CO

1275 Milwaukee Avenue Glenview, IL 60025 (708) 699-0600 A, B, C, D, F, HDF, G 3 mo. pre-exist, attained age

HCC LIFE INSURANCE CO.

P. O. Box 6047 Indianapolis, IN 46206-6047 (800) 582-9621 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J 2 mo. pre-exist, attained age 5 year age bands

HARTFORD LIFE INS. CO.

200 Hopmeadow Street Simsbury, CT 06104-2999 (860) 547-5000 Group Only A, C, D, F

PLANS OFFERED

HUMANA INSURANCE CO.

500 West Main St. Louisville, KY 40201

(800) 883-6578 www.humana.com

A, B, C, F, HDF 90 day pre-exist attained age bands

LIFE INVESTORS INS. CO. OF AMERICA

520 Park Avenue Baltimore, MD 21201-4500

(800)957-3195

A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I. J 6 mo. pre-exist, age GROUP ONLY

LINCOLN HERITAGE LIFE INSURANCE CO.

4343 East Camelback Rd. Phoenix AZ 85018

(800) 438-7180

A, B, C, D, F

No pre-existing, attained age

LOYAL AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

P.O. Box 559004 Austin, TX 78755-9004 (800) 633-6752 A, B, C, D, F, G 6 month pre-exit, attained age

MONUMENTAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

520 Park Avenue Baltimore, MD 21201-4500 (800)957-3195 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J 6 mo. pre-exist, issue age GROUP ONLY

MUTUAL OF OMAHA INSURANCE CO.

Mutual of Omaha Plaza Omaha, NE 68175 (800) 316-9532 A, C, D, F 6 mo. pre-exist, attained age Direct response sales

NATIONAL FOUNDATION LIFE INSURANCE CO.

777 Main Street Ft. Worth, TX 76102 (800) 221-9039 A, B, C, F 2 mo. pre-exist, attained age Also offer plans A, B A, B, for under age 65

NATIONAL STATES INSURANCE CO.

1830 Craig Park Ct. St. Louis, MO 63146 (314) 878-0101 A, B, D, C, F, H, J 3 mo. pre-exist, issue age

NEW ERA LIFE INS. CO. OF THE MIDWEST

P. O. Box 4884 Houston , TX 77210-4884 (800) 713-4680 A, B, C, F, G 6 mo. pre-exist, issue age

PACIFICARE LIFE & HEALTH INS. CO.

310 West Lake Center Drive Santa Ana, CA 92704 (800) 637-9284 A, C, F, G, HDF no pre-exist, attained age

PLANS OFFERED

PENNSYLVANIA LIFE INS. COMPANY

P.O. Box 130 Pensacola, FL 32591-0130

(888) 802-9497

A, B, C, D, F, G

90 day pre-exist, attained age

PENN TREATY NETWORK AMERICA INS. CO.

3440 Lehigh Street Allentown, PA 18103 (800) 635-7418 A, B, C, D, F

90 day pre-exist, attained age

PHILADELPHIA AMERICAN LIFE INS. COMPANY

P.O. Box 4884

Houston, TX 77210-4884 (281) 368-7200

A, B, C, D, F, HDF, J

6 mo. Pre-exist, attained age

PHYSICIANS LIFE INSURANCE CO.

2600 Dodge Omaha, NE 68131-2671 (800) 228-9100 A, B, F, G

No pre-exist, issue age and Attained Age - Agent sales Direct response, attained age

PYRAMID LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

6201 Johnson Drive Shawnee Mission, KS 66202 (913) 722-1110 A, B, C, D, F, HDF, G, HDJ 6 mo. pre-exist, attained age

RESERVE NATIONAL INSURANCE COMPANY

6100 NW Grand Blvd.

Oklahoma City, OK 73118-1082 (800) 654-9106

A, B, C, D, F

6 mo. pre-exist, attained age 5 year age bands

ROYAL NEIGHBORS OF AMERICA, INC.

230 Sixteenth Street Rock Island, IL 61201 (877) 815-8877 A, B, C, D, E, F

no pre-exist, issue age

SHENANDOAH LIFE INS. CO.

P.O. Box 12847 Roanoke, VA 24029 (866) 322-2856 A, B, C, D, E, F, G

No pre-exist, attained age

STANDARD LIFE & ACCIDENT INS. CO.

P.O Box 25097 Oklahoma City, OK 73193 (405) 232-5281 A, B, C, E, F, HDF, G No pre-exist, attained age

STATE FARM MUTUAL AUTOMOBILE INS. CO.

One State Farm Plaza Bloomington, IL 61710-0001 (318) 362-6100 A, C, F

6 mo. pre-exist, attained age 5 year age bands

PLANS OFFERED

STATE MUTUAL INSURANCE CO.

1820 S. Highland Avenue Clearwater, FL 33756 (800) 780-3724 A, B, C, D, F

No pre-existing, attained age

STERLING INVESTORS LIFE INS. CO.

30 North Garden Avenue, Suite 1100 Clearwater, FL 33755-6606 (877) 604-5240 A, B, C, D,E, F, G, HDF no pre-exist, attained age

STERLING LIFE INS. COMPANY

P.O. Box 5348 Bellingham, WA 98227-5348 (800) 688-0100 A, B, C, F, HDG No pre-existing, attained age 5 year age bands Plan A, under age 65

THRIVENT FINANCIAL FOR LUTHERANS

4321 N. Ballard Road Appleton, Wi 54919-0001 (800) 847-4836 A, C, D, F, H, I No pre-exist, issue age

TRANSAMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

433 Edgewood Rd. N.E. Cedar Rapids, IA 52499

A, B, C, D, E, F, G Optional 6 mo., issue age

UNION BANKERS INSURANCE COMPANY

P.O. Box 2699 Dallas, TX 75221-2699 (800) 792-4368 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J 6 mo. pre-exist, attained age

UNITED AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY

P. O. Box 8080 McKinney, TX 75221-0808 (972) 529-5085 A, B, C, D, F, G, HDF, K, L 2 mo. pre-exist Plan B under age 65 issue age A, F, G

UNITED COMMERCIAL TRAVELERS OF AMERICA A, B, C, F

P. O. Box 159019 Columbus, OH 43215-8619 (800) 848-0123 A, B, C, F 3 mo. pre-exist, issue age

UNITED HEALTHCARE INS. CO.

P.O. Box 1000 Montgomeryville, PA 18936-1000 (800) 523-5800 A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J 3 mo. pre-exist, Issue Age AARP INSURER Also offer to disability eligible

UNITED OF OMAHA LIFE INS. CO.

3316 Farnam St. Omaha, NE 68175 (877) 845-0892 A, B, C, D, F, G 6 mo. Pre-exist, attained age

PLANS OFFERED

UNITED NATIONAL LIFE INS. CO. OF AMERICA

P.O. Box 7901 Mt. Prospect, IL 60056-9957 (847) 803-5252 A, B, C, D, F, HDF, G 90 day pre-exist, attained age

UNITED TEACHER ASSOCIATES INS. CO.

P. O. Box 26580 Austin, TX 78755-0580 (512) 451-2224 A, B, C, D, F, G 6 mo. pre-exist, attained age offer plans to under age 65

UNITED WORLD LIFE INS. CO.

3316 Farnam St. Omaha, NE 68175 (877) 845-0892 A, B, C, D, F, G 6 mo. Pre-exist, attained age

USAA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

9800 Fredericksburg Rd. San Antonio, TX 78288 (800) 531-8000 A, D, F, G 6 mo. pre-exist, attained age 5 year age bands

WORLD INSURANCE COMPANY

P. O. Box 3160 Omaha, NE 68103-0160 (800) 786-7557 A, F, HDF, L no pre-exist, attained age

Please note: This is a list of companies with Medicare supplement policies approved by this Department as of July 23, 2008. If your company is not on this list, please contact the department to verify their authorization to sell this product.